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DRAFT DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS.

1. FOLLOWING IS 2ND REVISION OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED BY HEADS OF DEL MAY 23. SQUARE BRACKETS ARE INDICATED BY PAREN- THESES.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. MINISTERS OF OECD GOVERNMENTS MEETING IN PARIS ON 28TH MAY, 1975, DISCUSSED RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AGREED THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, THE WIDEST MEASURE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS REQUIRED.

2. THEY CONSIDERED THAT WHILE MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE MAJOR PROGRESS IN THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO ADVANCE SUFFICIENTLY AND MANY ARE STILL
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FACED WITH EXTREMELY SEVERE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY.

3. RECALLING THE EFFORTS WHICH THEIR COUNTRIES HAVE MADE TO FURTHER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MINISTERS RESOLVED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THESE COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THEIR PEOPLE AND TO (GAIN AN INCREASING SHARE OF) (PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN) THE BENEFITS OF AN IMPROVED AND EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY.

4. GIVEN THE FACT OF WORLD ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, THEY BELIEVED THAT PROGRESS COULD BEST BE MADE THROUGH PRACTICAL MEASURES WHICH COMMAND THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF ALL CONCERNED - DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALIKE.

5.(THEY DETERMINED TO CONSIDER (NEW) POLICIES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, IN SUCH FIELDS AS COMMODITY POLICIES, ACCESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO WORLD MARKETS, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, MOVEMENTS OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY, WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES AND MEANS OF STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION; AND TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE IN THESE AND OTHER FIELDS.) (THEY DETERMINED TO CONSIDER (NEW) POLICIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE RELEVANT ISSUES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED THAT THE LATTER HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS AS TO THE SUBJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE DISCUSSED. OECD GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD THEIR OWN SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS.) (THEY DETERMINED TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES AND EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ALL RELEVANT ISSUES WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.)

6. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK AND ELSEWHERE) (SUCH AS AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,) IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS WHERE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE TOWARDS (ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER) (DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON A MORE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE BASIS).

7. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE FORTHCOMING SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS TO MAKE A
REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL. END TEXT.
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